Poſſeſsion ABOVE PROFESSION;

Being a Diſcourſe in which it may be clearly ſeen that many that make a Profeſſion of Chriſt in the Fleſh, and deny him in his Light, which he enlighteneth every man that cometh into the World withal (which *Light* is the *Life* in the Word) and ſpeak Evil againſt it, are ſuch as Poſſeſs him not, but perſecute him in his Light and Life, as the *Jews*, that perſecuted him in the dayes of his Fleſh.

And how that many *Turks* and *Heathen* will own his *divine Light* more then many of them that make a Profeſſion of Chriſt in the Fleſh.

And likewiſe, How that all ſuch as profeſs Chriſt Jeſus has bought them are to be Governed and Ordered by him, their Owner; for the *Worldling*'s Reaſon will ſay, *That which he hath bought and paid for is his own to Order and Govern, &c.*

By GEORGE FOX.

He is a Jew *which is one inward, and Circumciſion is that of the Heart, in the Spirit, and not of the Letter,* Rom. 2. 29.

In him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men, that was the true Light, that lighteth every man that cometh into the World, Joh. 1 4,9.

And the Light ſhines in Darkneſs, and Darkneſs comprehends it not, v. 5.

I am come a Light into the World, that whoſoever believeth on me ſhall not abide in Darkneſs, John 12. 46.

While you have the Light, believe in the Light, that you may become Children of the Light, John 12. 36.

For every one that doth Evil hates the Light, neither cometh to the Light, leſt his Deeds ſhould be reproved; but he that doth Truth, cometh to the Light, &c. John 3. 20, 21.

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Concerning such as Profess Christ in Words, and do not Obey him; and such as Confess his Light, and do not Obey It.

NOW, all *Christians* that Confess Christ come in the Flesh in Words, and yet do not obey him, they have not the Comfort of him.

For ye *Christians*, that do confess Christ to be come in the Flesh, and yet won't own his Light, that he doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World with, to be a Heavenly, Divine and Saving Light for every one to believe in, it is but *a fleshly Profession* of Christ come in the Flesh, and not a spiritual (*For none can call him Lord, but by the holy Ghost*) nor is it a knowing of him who is the Mystery, for

Christ is a *Mystery*; and this Mystery is known and seen only by his Light; and such know Christ no more by the Letter of the Apostles, then the *Jews* knew him by the Letter of the *Prophets* and *Moses*, or as *Saul*; for when he was *Paul*, he knew him by *Revelation*; and *Peter* knew him by *Revelation*; and so the heavenly spiritual Man is known by the *Revelation of his Light and Spirit*, and the Revelation of the Faith (that is the Gift of God) which Christ is the Author of; and *Mary* knew him by *Revelation*; and *Simeon* knew him by *Revelation*; and the *Shepherds* knew Christ by *Revelation* through the Angel of the Lord, as in *Luke* 2. and *Joseph* knew him by *Revelation*: And so, that which does reveal the Son of God, is the *Light* and *Spirit* of God: To know him to be the Christ, as he was Man, and as he was God; I say, to know Christ, the spiritual and heavenly Man, and his heavenly Flesh and Blood, that is Meat indeed and Drink indeed to the Saints, which who eats of, lives forever, and lives by the Son as he lives by the Father, who was promised and propheſied of to come, who came according to God's Promise and the Prophets, *who suffered, and was crucified and buried, and the third day rose again, and remains in the Heavens till all things be restored; who is ascended far above all Principalities, Powers, Thrones and Dominions, that he might fill all things, who is the Head of his Church*, that neither Powers, Thrones, Principalities nor Dominions can pluck out of his Throne, and crucifie him again, though they may crucifie him to themselves afresh, and persecute him in his Members.

So his Heavenly Flesh is the Saints daily Food and Bread from Heaven; and they that deny the heavenly Man, Christ Jesus, that dyed and suffered without the Gates of *Jerusalem*, above Sixteen Hundred Years since, his Sufferings, Death and Resurrection, *deny their own Food, and their own heavenly Bread, and him that offered up himself for their Sin, and had Power to lay down his Life, and to take it up again.*

For it was Christ that dyed, and is risen, and is at the Right Hand of God, the heavenly and spiritual Man; and 'tis Christ Jesus, who makes Intercession for the Saints.

So there is one Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus, the heavenly and spiritual *Man*, the heavenly and spiritual *Bishop*, the heavenly and spiritual *Counsellor*, and the heavenly and spiritual *Shepherd*, *Priest*, *Teacher* and *Leader*.

And now all you that do profess Christ in words, and have a Profession of him in the Flesh, and deny him in his Light, in his Divinity, *which enlightneth every man that cometh into the World* hear what Christ saith, *Believe in the Light*; and *John*, speaking of Christ, saith, *In him was Life, and this Life was the Light of Men; and the Light shined in the Darkness, and the Darkness comprehended it not*; and *that was the true Light which lighteth every Man that cometh into the World; and he was in the World*, and *the World was made by him, and the World knew him not; he came to his Own, and his Own received him not; but as many as received him, to them he gave Power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believed on his Name.*

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So its clear, the World was made by him, and yet the World knew him not, neither can the World know but by Revelation in the Light: And his own, the *Jews*, that he came to, they received him not; for they stopt their Ears and Eyes to the Light; but as many as received him, *to them he gave Power*; so that here is a Distinction betwixt the *world*, and *his own, and them that received him*; for he gave them such Power as to become the Sons of God, *them which believed in his Name*: And what is his *Name*? the *Light*, *the Word Jesus*, *the Saviour*, *Christ*, *the Anointed of God*, *conceived by the Holy Ghost*, *&c.*

And now, all you that do make a Profession of Christ in the Flesh, and do not believe in him as the heavenly Light, that enlightneth every man that cometh into the World; how can you believe in the Man Christ Jesus, who is a Mystery, except (as I said) you do believe in the Light (as Christ commands) that doth enlighten, &c. (which Light manifests him), and so become Children of the Light: And it is clear by Christ's words, there are none Children of the Light, but by Believing in the Light.

So, the rest are Children of Darkness, though they may make a Profession of Christ in the Flesh, and after the Flesh.

And not to believe in the Light (which is the *Life* in Christ, the Word, which was in the Beginning) what does this differ from the *Devils believing and trembling*? I say, Those who do not believe in the Divine Light of Christ, as he is God, which Light

is the *Life* in the Word, which is God (that is called *Life in him*, and the *Light* as it is in People that be in Darkneſs.)

And you ſay, *This Divine, Spiritual, Heavenly Light of Chriſt is not ſaving*: Then why does Chriſt ſay, *Believe in the Light, that ye may become Children of the Light; and he that believes, is ſaved; and he that does not, is condemned already*; and *I will give him for a Covenant of Light, and he ſhall be my Salvation to the Ends of the Earth*, ſaid God? So this Covenant of Light is ſaving then.

Now the *Jews*, and the *Turk*, and *Heathen*, and *Indians*, that do not nor will not profeſs and own Chriſt in the Fleſh to be the Saviour; if one come to ſpeak to them of their Evil Deeds and Words, and ask them, *If there is not ſomething in them, that tells them, they ſhould not ſpeak and do ſo or ſo wickedly*? (for the Light of Chriſt Troubles and Condemns them if they do Evil) Here they will confeſs to the Light of Chriſt, though they know not what it is which is the *Life* in the Word, and Light in them, that ſhines in their Darkneſs, and their Darkneſs comprehends it not, and ſo do not obey it, nor believe in it, but hate it (many of them) becauſe it will reprove them, and becauſe their Deeds are Evil; and this is according to Chriſt's words, *This is the Condemnation, that Light is come into the World, and men love Darkneſs rather then Light, becauſe their Deeds are Evil.*

For, every one that doth Evil [mark] it is *not ſome*, but *every one* that doth (that is) acteth Evil, hateth the Light, neither cometh to the Light, leſt

his Deeds ſhould be reproved: Now he cannot ſay, *It is not there, nor within him, nor that he hath it not*, when he will not come to it; but men will not come to this divine and ſpiritual Light, leſt that they ſhould be reproved by it.

Now, Chriſt makes a Diſtinction betwixt him that loves & him that hates it; *For he that doth Truth*, ſaith he, *cometh to the Light, that his Deeds may be manifeſt that they are wrought in God.*

Now, they that hate the Light, and will not come to it, they are ſuch as do not the Truth, then they do the Evil, yet make a Profeſſion of Chriſt in the Fleſh, *that He is come*, as the *Jews* did *he was to come*; and ſo with your Darkneſs you cannot comprehend the Light, though it ſhines there, yea, in your Darkneſs.

But the Darkneſs (you ſay) *is within you*: Yet you will not have this Divine Heavenly Light of Chriſt to be within you: Oh! can ſuch groſs Darkneſs comprehend this Divine Heavenly Light, which is the *Life in the Word*, and *the true Light, that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the World*; and the Prophet ſaith, *whom God hath given for a Covenant of Light, and to be his Salvation to the Ends of the Earth*; believe in the Light.

And now, the Children of Darkneſs, that cannot comprehend the Light (which is the *Life*, in Chriſt the *Word*) but hate the Light, whoſe Deeds be Evil, and won't come to the Light, becauſe it will reprove them; this is their Condemnation (*Turks, Jews, Heathen* and *Apoſtate Chriſtians*) that believe not in the Light (which is the *Life* in the *Word*) as Chriſt commands. And

And now mind this you Professors that be in Darkness, and therein cannot comprehend this divine, spiritual, saving, heavenly Light, which is the *Life* in the spiritual *Word*, but with your Darkness are wrangling and jangling, and are raging like the Waves of the Sea, foaming out your Shame against it; consider that some of you call this divine spiritual Light (which is the Life in the Word) *Natural, Carnal and of the Devil, the Light of Nature, the* Quakers *Idol, a Will in the Wisp, and a New Christ*; and many such blasphemous Speeches you have published against the true Light, *which enlightneth every man that cometh into the World*, which *Light* is the Life in the Word, Christ; *For in him was Life*, speaking of the Word which was in the Beginning, *and the Life was the Light of men.*

Now, by this True Light, all False Lights, False Christs, and you, are comprehended, and seen, and judged, even by this *divine heavenly Light*, which is the *Life* in the Word, which Christ, the Saviour and heavenly spiritual Man, enlightens every man that cometh into the World withal, and sayes, *Believe in the Light.* And so now, you that cannot comprehend this Light, which is the Life, and make a Profession of Christ in the Flesh, and yet deny his *divine Light*, and blaspheme against it, and won't own it, but *hate* it, and *spit* at it, and call it *the light of the Devil*; you are like the *Pharisees* and *Chief Priests* and the *Jews*, that cryed out, *The Temple of the Lord*, and yet persecuted Christ's *spiritual worship*: You make a Profession of Christ in his Flesh, and won't own his Light, which enlightens every man, which is the Life in him, you are

as bad or worse then the *Jews*, *Turks* or *Indians*; for they will confess to that Light which does condemn *evil* in them, & you that make a *profession of Christ in the flesh*, deny his *light*, *which is life in him*, & the *Jews*, *Turks* & *Indians*, they will *confess to the light* that does reprove them, though they will not obey it; yet this *divine heavenly Light* will make every Tongue to confess, though you that do make a Profession of Christ in the Flesh, won't confess to this *divine Light of Christ* so far as *Jew*, *Turk* and *Heathens*; and they will not give this *heavenly Light*, which is Life in Christ, such Blasphemous Names as you do.

So you in your Profession of Christ in the Flesh, are darker to his Light then the *Jews*, *Turks*, *Indians* or *Heathen*, yea, such as do not profess him come in the Flesh: But you and they all must be made to confess to this *heavenly divine Light* (which is Life in him) to your Condemnation that hate it, and blaspheme against it, and will not come to it, because ye do not the Truth, and so won't turn at the Reproofs of it, and believe in it, that ye might become Children of the Light. And now, they that are turned at the Reproofs of it, and are turned from the Evil, and come to do the Truth, they believe in the Light, as Christ commands, and love the Light, and bring their Deeds to the Light, that with the Light they may see their Deeds wrought in God; and so, believing in the Light, become Children of the Light: But all you that hate the Light, *you hate the Life in Christ*, *and you do not see how your Works are wrought*.

And all you, that be the Haters of this Light and Life, and have given so many Blasphemous Names to it; though you may make *a Profession of Christ*

in the Flesh, and call him Lord, and say, You have preached him in the Streets; I must tell you, *You are not grafted into Christ*; *for none are grafted into Christ, but by believing in the Light*; for you do hate the Light which Christ commands you to believe in, which is the Life in himself.

And I tell you, They that believe in the Light (which is the Life in him) as Christ commands, are grafted into Christ, *their way, their Truth, their Life, their Rock and Foundation, their Shepherd, their Bishop, and their Priest, who is made higher then the Heavens, who is First and Last.*

And all you that are the Haters of this *divine spiritual Light*, which is the Life in Christ, and will not come to it, are the Doers of Evil, and not of Truth; and calling this Light, which is the Life in Christ, *the* Quakers *New Christ, and their Idol, and a Natural Created Light, and of the Devil*, you do Wickedly.

I tell you, You are *Persecuting* the Life of Christ Jesus, though ye are the Professors of him in the Flesh; for you are the Persecutors of him in his Light, and Life, and Spirit now in our Age; you will not behold his Glory.

Like as the *Jews* were blind, and stopt their Eyes and Ears against the Light of Christ, and persecuted him in their day in the Flesh, and put him to Death in the Flesh, and crucified him without the Gates of *Jerusalem*, yet he arose again the third day, and is ascended above all Principalities, Thrones and Dominions, and remains in the Heavens until the Restitution of all things; him, I say, you cannot

not crucifie any more, nor put to Death in the Flesh any more; but you may and do crucifie him to your selves afresh, and persecute him in his Members; yet Death has no more Dominion over him; for he is ascended far above the Reach of all the Powers of the Earth, who was dead, and is alive, and lives for evermore.

But as the *Jews* persecuted him, and cryed, *Crucifie him, crucifie him*, in the Flesh; so you Professors of Christ in the Flesh persecute Christ in the Spirit, in his Light and in his Life, who cannot reach to crucifie him in his Flesh any more, but to your selves and in his Members, who is ascended out of your Reach.

And now, as the *Jews* cryed, *Crucifie him, away with him*, in the Flesh; so you that do profess him in the Flesh, don't you cry, *Away with the Light which enlightens every man that cometh into the World*, which is the Life of Christ? And you *spit* at the Life and Light of Christ, as the *Jews spit* at him in the Flesh, and cry, *Away with this* Light, *away with this* Life *in the word*: So you professors of Christ in the Flesh, do fight against Christ in his Light and Life, as the *Jews* did against him in his Flesh.

Again, As the *Jews* hated Christ in the Flesh, you that profess him in the Flesh hate this divine *Light*, which is the *Life* in him; and cry, *Away with this Light*; and call it *natural*, and *of the Devil*, and *the Quakers Idol*, and *New Christ*, which is the *Life* in Christ, and this you cry *away withal*; and some of you have *curst* it, and in your Darkness have called it a *Dark Light*, and *Dim Light*, and *Beg-*

Earth Scrap, and yet make a Profeſſion of him in the Fleſh.

And Chriſt Jeſus is not known as he is God in his Divinity, nor in his Fleſh, as he was manifeſt, but by this his *divine heavenly Light*, which we own and believe in, as he commands, who are Children of the Light, which Name or Title Chriſt beſtowed upon us before you Profeſſors Nick-named us with the Name of QUAKERS, in the Year 1650. which Name one *Bennet* at *Darby* gave us when he caſt us into Priſon: And as its ſaid, *Young Men, you are ſtrong, you have overcome the Wicked One*; *Fathers, you have known him from the Beginning*; that is, You have known him in his *Divinity*, you have known him in the *Promiſe* and in the *Prophets*, you have known him in his *Birth* and *Conception by the Holy Ghoſt*, ye have known him in his *Life*, *Preaching* and *Miracles*, and the *Contradiction and Blaſphemies of Sinners againſt him*; ſo you have known him in his *Sufferings*, and have Fellowſhip with him; you have known him in his *Death* and *Paſſion*, as he was crucified without the Gates at *Jeruſalem*, and buryed (*who ſaw the Travail of his Soul, and was ſatisfied*); you have known him in his *Death*, *Burial*, *Suffering*, who lay three Dayes and Nights in the Sepulchre; you have known him again in his *Reſurrection*, who is aſcended above all Principalities, Powers, Thrones and Dominions, and remains in the Heavens till all things be reſtored; and theſe are reſtoring by his Light, Power, Spirit, Grace and Faith, who is before all, and above all, Firſt and Laſt, and has made us fit together in the Heavenly

Heavenly Places in Christ Jesus, where our Bread is sure, and our Water is sure, whose Flesh is Meat indeed, and his Blood is Drink indeed. And we that do believe in the *light* of Christ, which is the *life* in him, cannot deny the Flesh of Christ, our Heavenly Bread, who remains in the Heavens. I say, That Jesus Christ that dyed without the Gates of *Jerusalem* above Sixteen hundred Years since, who hath enlightned us with his heavenly divine *light*, which is the *life* in himself, through which Light we are grafted into Christ, the Heavenly Spiritual Man, who hath saved, redeemed, and purchased and bought us with his precious Blood, the Blood of the Heavenly Man, the Second *Adam*, who does cleanse and sanctifie us with his Blood, the Blood of the New Covenant, Christ Jesus: So I say, He that bought us and purchased us, and hath given a Price for us, to wit, his Heavenly and Precious Blood, we believing in the Light, as he has commanded, which is the *life* in him, and he hath sealed us, Christ, the Heavenly Man hath set his Heavenly *Seal* upon us; so here is his heavenly Mark upon us, his Sheep; and we are his that has purchased us, and given a Price for us, to wit, his Heavenly Blood; we are not our own, and are not to live to our selves, nor to order our selves, but to live unto him, and be ordered, ruled and governed by him, of the Increase of whose Government there is no End; and so to be counselled by him, and led by him, and taught by him, as he is our *heavenly Prophet*; and to be fed by him, our *heavenly Shepherd*, in his heavenly Pasture & Fold, and to be over-seen by him, as

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he is our *heavenly Bishop*, that we his Sheep do not go astray out of his Heavenly Pasture, that are come in by him, the *heavenly Door*; who is our *heavenly Priest*, that offered up himself for us, and ends all the outward typical Offerings, that were offered up for Sin, as well as the other; and *he offered himself up to God once for all, for our Sins, a sweet-smelling Sacrifice*; wherefore *the Offerings of Bulls and Goats thou would'st not, but a Body hast thou prepared me to do thy Will, O God*; so God prepared him a Body to do his Will, and with his Body he did fulfil his Will in all his *Prophets* and *Promises*, whose Flesh saw no Corruption, which is the Heavenly Bread, and his Blood, which purchases, which is not corruptible; for the Blood of Bulls and Goats was corruptible, but this precious Blood of Christ is incorruptible, that cleanseth from Corruption: So, by his precious Blood are we cleansed from all Sin; he is a Priest, made higher then the Heavens, a *heavenly Priest*, and a *heavenly spiritual Man*, offered up himself first for us, and offers us, and cleanses, and washes, and sanctifies us with his Blood, he who is without Spot or Wrinkle, to make us without Spot or Wrinkle, that he may present us pure and clean, without Spot or Wrinkle, up to the eternal, pure, holy, uncorruptible, infinite God, who is a Consuming Fire to the Wicked, who dwells in Glory, and inhabits Eternity.

Now, all you that profess Christ come in the Flesh, and say, *He has Purchased you, and paid a Price for you*; What! for you to live to your selves, and serve your selves,

ſelves, and do your own Wills, and to hate his Light, which is the *Life in him*, and blaſpheme againſt it with many Blaſphemous Words, as *Natural*, and *of the Devil*, *&c*?

Now, if you were in the ſenſe of Chriſt's purchaſing of you, and paying a Price for you, to wit, *his Blood*; and every one as in a Senſe of that, you the Earthly, that have pierced the heavenly Man, would not then hate his Light, which is his Life, but believe in it, that you might be ſealed with his heavenly Seal, as we are, and have his heavenly Mark, that he ſets upon his Sheep.

But ſee if you have not the Beaſt's Mark in your Fore-head and Outward Profeſſion, who are without the Light and Life of Chriſt, and the Spirit and Power the Apoſtles were in; and if that you will not maintain with your Right Hand, in which the Beaſt's Mark is, with all your Strength and Power, in Obedience to the Beaſt, the Dragon's Power (the Devil) to perſecute the Light and Life of the Lamb, and ſuch as have his Mark and Seal.

For the Beaſt, the Dragon's Power, and his Mark in your Fore-head and Right Hend, is eaſily ſeen, both in the Notion and Strength, and in your Obedience and Conformity to the Dark Power, and in your blind Zeal without Knowledge, by them who are in that Power, and Spirit, and Light which is the Life in Chriſt, which the Apoſtles were in, who had the true Knowledge and true Zeal, that wreſtled not with Fleſh and Blood, but with Spiritual Weapons againſt the Rulers of Darkneſs and

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ſpiritual Wickedneſſes, but the blind Zeal wreſtles with carnal Weapons, againſt Fleſh and Blood, with the Beaſt's Mark in their Forehead and right Hand, and with the dark Power's Strength in a Notion and outſide Profeſſion, without the Power and Spirit of the Prophets, Chriſt and the Apoſtles, and ſuch do not know what Spirit they are of, neither have they Rule over their own Spirits; but are like unto a City whoſe Walls are broken down, that is on Heaps: And pray you *Chriſtendom* ſee whether your Walls are not broken down? And if you lie not all on Heaps? And the Cauſe and Reaſon is, becauſe you have not Rule over your own Spirits, and are all in Heaps about your Profeſſions and Religions. But as I ſaid before, if you were in the Senſe that Chriſt has purchaſed you, you would all live to him, not to your ſelves, and you would ſerve him, and not your ſelves, and the World, and your Luſts and Pleaſures; but ſerve him who is Heavenly, and not this World, in whom you might have Peace, as we have: For common Reaſon teacheth this, *That if a Man buy a Horſe, or Sheep, or other Cattel, and give or pay a Price for them, the Horſe and Cattel are at his own Uſe, and Service, and Command that has bought them, and to be ordered and fed by him; and his Oxen ſhall know his Crib that has bought them; and his Aſs will know his Owner, that has bought him, and paid a Price for him; and he that has bought his Sheep, and ſets his own Mark upon them, and orders his Paſtures for them, would not looſe them after he has bought them*: this the common Reaſon of every earthly ſelfiſh Man underſtands. But Chriſt,

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our ſpiritual heavenly Man has purchaſed us with his Blood, and paid a Price for us his Sheep, and has ſealed us, and ſet his Mark upon us, ſo that we are his, and not our own, and are at his ordering and diſpoſing by his Heavenly Power, and he orders us Heavenly Milk, and Wine and Honey, and heavenly Bread & Water, and the heavenly Cloathing, the Fine Linnen that he clothes us with, and feeds us in his Heavenly Paſtures of Life, his Lambs and his Sheep, and ſo we are to live to Chriſt, the Heavenly Man, and to ſerve him, and to do his Will, and ſo know his Doctrine; and ſo here we know our Maſter's Crib, and know our Owner, & his Heavenly Voice that has purchaſed us, and paid a Price for us, our Heavenly Owner, who has paid the Heavenly Price for us; and not like ſuch that are worſe than the common Ox and Aſs, that know not their Owner, nor their Maſter's Crib.

So, the Lord give all People Underſtanding, that they may believe in his Light, and in his Light ſee their Owner, and his Crib, and him that has purchaſed them, to wit, the Heavenly Man, Chriſt Jeſus, the Light of the World. And is it not fit, ye earthly men, think you, That the Heavenly Man ſhould have them which he purchaſes, and has paid a Price for, at his Service, and to be at his ordering and rule, and to live to him, and to do his Will, and to have them at his Heavenly Command and Order, ſeeing that which you purchaſe with your Money, as Goods, and Cattel, and ſuch like, ye will have it at *your command* and *ordering*, or you will give Judgment, *whoſe elſe are they? for ye have purchaſed them*

them with our Money ſay you; ſo whatever you buy, you ſay it's ours, and they are our own; for we bought them: and if they be at your Service and at your own Ordering, and ſhall not diſpoſe of themſelves, then conſider, Hath Chriſt purchaſed you with his Blood? Hath he bought you, and paid a Price for you? Then are not you to be ordered by him, and his Power, and Spirit, and Light in your Hearts, and Grace there? Whoſe are you? Are you not his, if he hath bought you, and paid a Price for you? Muſt you diſpoſe of your ſelves, or ſerve your ſelves, or him? Muſt you live to your ſelves, or him? Muſt you go do what you will your ſelves, or by his Power and Command? Shall thy Ox, or Aſs, or Sheep go when and where they will, or be at the Maſter's Power? But if you make a Profeſſion of Chriſt, that has purchaſed you, and hate his Light, and do Evil, and won't come to Truth, and quench the Spirit, and vex it, and grieve it, and rebel againſt it, and walk deſpightfully againſt the Spirit of Grace, and turn it into Wantonneſs, and deſpiſe Propheſie and Revelation, by which Chriſt is known, that has purchaſed you: Poor People! you remain in the Dark; and to ſuch Chriſt will ſay, *He does not know them*: And how ſhould ye know him, who hate the Light that gives the Knowledge of him? For ſuch they are that Chriſt knows, who believe in his Light, and are grafted into him, the Life, and become Children of the Light, and turn from Darkneſs, and do the Truth, and walk in the Spirit, and neither grieve nor rebel againſt it, and in it is their Fellowſhip, and

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in the Spirit of Revelation, which reveals the things of God to them, and Christ to them, who is the Spiritual Man, through which they keep the Testimony of Jesus, which is the Spirit of Prophesie, and so are Christ's, the Heavenly Man's Sheep, who by his Spirit know his Spiritual & Heavenly Voice, and walking in the Spirit, follow the Spiritual and Heavenly Man Christ Jesus, who has purchased them with his Heavenly Blood, and feeds them with his Heavenly Flesh, the Bread from Heaven; and this I & they witness who are within his Heavenly Fold, and have his Heavenly Seal and Mark from the Heavenly Father, and with all you knew the same.

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SOme *QUERIES* to you that make a Boast of your Profession of Christ in the Flesh, and yet Deny him in his Light, which is the *Life* in the Word; seeing Christ that was crucified, the same is risen, and remains in the Heavens, and is ascended far above all Principalities, Powers, Thrones and Dominions, &c: and since *John* saith in the Revelations, *That the Beast with his Horns should make War with the Lamb, but the Lamb should overcome him, for he is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, &c.* Rev. 17. And I again, in *Rev.* 19. *The Beast and the Kings of the Earth, and their Armies should gather together to make War against him that sate on the white Horse, &c.*

Now I query thus of you: How did those make War

War against Christ, the Lamb of God, seeing he is risen? Did they make War against him in his Flesh, as the *Jews* did, or against him in his Light and Life, and in his Spirit, as he was in his People, seeing that he was ascended far above all Principalities and Powers, after he was risen? Therefore I would know of you, how the Beast and his Followers make War with the Lamb, if it be not against his Light, and against his Life, and against his Spirit in his People, by calling him in his Light, and Life, and Spirit, natural, and of the Devil, and a false Christ, &c? If they cannot war against Christ in the Flesh, and if you confess that he is ascended far above all Principalities and Powers, &c. then do not such war against him in his Life, and Spirit, and Light, which Christ commands all to believe in? And if they be not Warriers against him in his Flesh, then, are not they Warriers against him in his Light, Life and Spirit? And then, are not you the Warriers against him, that hate his Light, which is the Life in the Word, and call it of the *Devil*, and a *False Christ*, and an *Idol*, &c? And don't you think, but that the *Heavenly Warrier*, the Lamb, will overcome you, who is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and will take the Beast and false Prophet and cast him into the Lake of Fire and Brimstone, &c?

Again it's said, *The Dragon was wrath with the Woman, and made War with her Seed, that kept the Commands of God, that have the Testimony of Jesus* [mark] HAVE IT Rev. 12. And also it's said in *Rev.* 13. *The Beast that opened his Mouth in Blasphemy against*

God, to Blaſpheme his Name and his Tabernacle, and them that dwell in Heaven, and Power was given unto him to make War with the Saints, &c. Now was not this War againſt them, the Saints, the Sanctified Ones, that lived in the Light, and believed in the Light, and were Children of the Light, and were grafted into Chriſt by Belief in the Light, which was the Life in the Word, who have the Teſtimony of Jeſus, the Spirit of Prophecy, &c? Was not this War againſt them, becauſe Chriſt was in them by his Light and Life, Spirit and Power? and ſo do not ſuch war againſt him now, that have but the Form and outward Profeſſion of Chriſt and the Apoſtles Words, againſt the *Believers in the Light*, which is the Life in Chriſt the Word, and blaſpheme againſt it? And is not that from the Spirit of the Beaſt, and not from the Spirit of Chriſt, to ſay, they have not the ſame Spirit and Power Chriſt and the Apoſtles had? but indeed how ſhould you, that will not believe in his Light, with which he enlightens every Man that cometh into the World? Is not this the Cauſe of ſo many Heaps and Heads amongſt People in the whole World, becauſe they don't believe in Chriſt the true Light, that lighteth every Man that cometh into the World, by which they might become Children of Light, and grafted into Chriſt their Life, and ſo ſee him, and hold to him their Head, and keep the Teſtimony of Jeſus? And did not Chriſt ſay to that great Profeſſor *Saul*, and doth he not ſay to ſuch, *why perſecuteſt thou me? it's hard for thee to kick againſt the Pricks*: And further, does not Chriſt ſay, I

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was in Prison, and hungry, and sick, and naked? &c. Was this a persecuting Christ that dyed at *Jerusalem* in his Flesh? Or was it a persecuting Christ as he was manifest in his Members by his Light, and Life, and Power, and Spirit, which were the Possessors of Christ? And if their Persecution was against Christ in his Light and Life, which they persecuted the Believers in, and such as were the Possessors of Christ in his Spirit; then I say again, are not you the same Persecutors, that blaspheme against his Light, and persecute his Members that confess to it, and believe in it; so consider Christ's Words to *Saul* while he was persecuting him, he *kickt against that which prick'd him*, he was kicking against that which prickt him, whilest he persecuted Christ in his Members: So see if you can tell, what it was he kickt against? & what that was that made *Judas* confess, he had sinned in betraying the Innocent Blood? Was it not that which condemned him, that will make every Tongue to confess? And do not all they crucifie Christ to themselves afresh, and put him to open Shame, that live not in the Life & the same Power and Spirit, that the Apostles lived in, and believe not in the Light, which is the Life in Christ the Word, and so not grafted into him, because of Unbelief in Christ the Light and Life? And are not all the Believers in the Light, which is the Life in Christ grafted into him, members of his Body, and of his Flesh, and of his Bones, yea or nay? And so they that persecute Christ's members, do not they persecute him? And are not all such Unbelievers, that persecute

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the Believers in the Light, which Christ commanded People believe in? For, where did any Believers in the Light, that were Children of the Light, and grafted into Christ, persecute one another? Or where did ever the Prophets or Apostles, or any Christians in the Apostles Dayes, call the Light of Christ, which enlightens every One that comes into the World (which is the Life in the Word) and which Christ commands to believe in, *of the Devil*, and *an Idol*, and *Natural*, and a *New Christ*, *&c.* let us see where it is written in the Scripture, you that call and say, *The Scripture is your Rule for what you do, and preach, and speak*? Are not all they that do not believe in the Light of Christ condemned by the Light of Christ, though they make a Profession of him in the Flesh? Or are any saved but who believe in the Light? And do not they come out of Condemnation that believe in the Light, and so become Children of the Light, and grafted into Christ, where there is no Condemnation? Consider these things.

Swarthmoor, *this* 18*th of the* 8*th Moneth*, 1675. } *G. F.*

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Something by way of Query to and Expostulation with you that love and expect earthly Honour.

DOth not Christ say, *I receive not Honour from Men*?

Now, if the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the great Prophet, and the great and heavenly Bishop and Shepherd, that sent out all his Ambassadours and Disciples, and bid them, *Go into all Nations and preach this King of Kings and Lord of Lords glorious Gospel*; if he did not receive Honour from men, then whether did his Ambassadours or Apostles receive Honour from men in all or any of those Nations that they went into with his Message? For does not Christ say to the great professing *Jews*, and *Scribes*, *Pharisees* and *chief Priests*, and the like, *How can ye believe which receive Honour one of another, and seek not the Honour which comes from God only?* Mark Christ's Question, and see how you can answer him in it; for Jesus Christ saith to the *Jews*, which were great Professors of *Moses* and the *Prophets*, *I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me*, John 8. 49.

And now do not all that speak Evil of his *Light*, which is the Life in him, dishonour him in his Light and Life, as the *Jews* did dishonour him in the dayes of his Flesh, though they may be as high Professors in the Letter, *that Christ is come*, as the *Scribes* (the Writers) and the *Pharisees* and *chief Priests* (the Readers and Expounders of the *Law* and *Prophets*) were, *that he was to come*?

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And had not the *Jews* the Scriptures of *Moses* and the *Prophets*, the *Scribes* (the Writers) *Pharisees* and *chief Priests* & *other Priests* (these Readers & Expounders of the Law & Prophets) had not these the Scriptures, that testified, *that Christ was to come, and yet they knew not Christ, the Word of God, when he was come?*

Did not Christ say to the *Jews*, *He that is of God, heareth God's words; ye therefore hear them not, because you are not of God?* Joh. 8. 47. Now, might not the *Jews* say to Christ as the Professors will say now to us *Don't we read the Law and the Prophets every Sabbath day in our Synagogues and Temple? and are not they the Words of God?* But may not Christ answer you again, and say unto you, *That you have not the same spiritual Ear as his Prophets & Apostles had, to hear God's Words; but those Ears of yours are stopt like the Pharisees, Scribes and High Priests, and* Jews, *who had outward Ears and Eyes, but heard not, nor saw not Christ, wanting the spiritual?* And is it not said, *He that hath an Ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the Churches?*

And did not Christ say to *Pilate* in his Examination, *For this Cause I came into the World, to bear witness unto the Truth; every one that is of the Truth, heareth my Voice?* So then, it is not every one that speaks the words of Truth, of *Moses* and the *Prophets*, *Christ* and the *Apostles*, but every one *that is of the Truth*, he must be of the Truth if he hears Christ's Voice; for does not he tell you plainly, *It is not every one that saith Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom; but he that doth his will shall know his Doctrine?* Likewise, doth not Christ say, *Every one that doth Truth cometh to the Light that with it his Deeds may be manifest that they are*

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wrought in God? And therefore they that do not the Truth, though they may talk of it from *Geneſis* to the *Revelations*, if they come not to the Light, their *works* can't be manifeſt to them that they are wrought in God, neither can they ſee *how their works are wrought*. For doth not the Apoſtle ſay, *That which makes manifeſt is Light*? and doth not Chriſt ſay, *Every one that doth Evil hates the Light, neither cometh to the Light, leſt his Deeds ſhould be reproved*? And if every one that doth Evil hates the Light, don't ſuch hate Chriſt, the Life and the Salvation, the Covenant of Light? and are not theſe the Haters of the Light, and the Doers of Evil, that ſay, *The Light, which is the Life in Chriſt, is Natural, and of the Devil, and the* Quakers *Idol, and a New Chriſt, &c*? And ſo neither come to the Light themſelves, nor ſuffer others to come to the Light, leſt their Deeds ſhould be reproved: Wherefore it was the *Jews, Scribes, Phariſees, Sadduces* & *high Prieſts*, that did the Evil, and hated the Light, and would not come to the Light, leſt their Deeds ſhould be reproved? And may not this be alſo truly ſaid of many in *Chriſtendom*, of the great Profeſſors of the Letter of Chriſt and the Apoſtles, *that he is come*, as of the great Profeſſors of the Letter the *Jews*, *that he was to come*?

Now, ſuch as hate the Light, and will not come to the Light, who do Evil, becauſe it will reprove them, and let them ſee their Evil Deeds, how ſhould ſuch do the Truth, and be of the Truth, and hear Chriſt's Voice, as he ſaith, *My Sheep hear my Voice*?

Swarthmoor, *this* 20*th of the* 8*th Moneth*, 1675.

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